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Atlantic Highly Migratory Species

Atlantic Shark Commercial Fishery Landings Update

January 1 – March 13, 2013

Below are the preliminary landings estimates in metric tons (mt) and pounds (lb) dressed weight (dw) for the Atlantic shark commercial fisheries. These preliminary estimates are based on dealer reports and other information received from January 1 through March 13, 2013. The estimates include landings by state-only permitted vessels, federally permitted vessels, and the 2013 shark research fishery participants.

| Species Group | Region | 2013 Quota | Estimated Landings in 2013 | % of 2013 Quota |
|--|--------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------|
| Non-Sandbar Large Coastal Sharks | Gulf of Mexico | 439.5 (968,922 lb dw) | 163.0 mt dw (359,323 lb dw) | 37% |
| | Atlantic | 188.3 (415,126 lb dw) | 22.3 mt dw (49,148 lb dw) | 12% |
| Shark Research Fishery Quota (Non-Sandbar LCS) | No regional quotas | 50.0 (110,230 lb dw) | 0 mt dw (0 lb dw) | 0% |
| Shark Research Fishery Quota (Sandbar only) | | 116.6 mt dw (257,056 lb dw) | 0 mt dw (0 lb dw) | 0% |
| Non-Blacknose Small Coastal Sharks | No regional quotas | 329.2 mt dw (725,645 lb dw) | 8.7 mt dw (19,128 lb dw) | 3% |
| Blacknose Sharks | | 19.9 mt dw (43,872 lb dw) | 3.7 mt dw (8,070 lb dw) | 18% |
| Blue Sharks | No regional quotas | 273.0 mt dw (601,856 lb dw) | 2.3 mt dw (5,026 lb dw) | < 1% |
| Porbeagle Sharks | | Closed for 2013 | 0 mt dw (0 lb dw) | -- |
| Pelagic Sharks Other Than Porbeagle or Blue | | 488 mt dw (1,075,856 lb dw) | 22.3 mt dw (49,122 lb dw) | 5% |

This notice is a courtesy to the HMS fishery participants to help keep you informed about the fishery. For further information on this landings update or the closure, contact Karyl Brewster-Geisz or Guý DuBeck at 301-713-2347. The information will also be posted on the HMS website at: <http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/sfa/hms>.

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